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Halpern Raps CIA Infiltration In Heine Case

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The infiltration of an Estonian emigre group by the Central Intelligence Agency was sharply criticized today by Rep. Seymour Halpern, R-N.Y.

"I do not think the CIA has the authority to covertly infiltrate domestic institutions and groups which may or may not maintain contacts behind the Iron Curtain," he said in a speech prepared for delivery in the House.

"The real or potential assistance which these groups provide in the collection of foreign intelligence matter is essentially irrelevant," Halpern said.

Sues in U.S. Court

Eerik Heine, a 46-year-old resident of Toronto, Canada, has sued a fellow Estonian emigrant in Federal District Court in Baltimore for \$110,000 for falsely calling him a Communist and a Soviet agent. In affidavits filed with the court, the CIA has acknowledged that Juri Raus, 39, of Hyattsville, was instructed to spread the word among Estonian groups that Heine was "a dispatched Soviet intelligence operative, a

KGB agent."

"...The fact is that an agent of this agency penetrated an American organization in a clandestine effort to use its resources," Halpern said. "I can't believe that Mr. Raus' intentions were generally known to the legion's (Legion of Estonian Liberation) membership... I strongly object to the propriety of this procedure."

"What business is it of the CIA if an alleged KGB agent is dispatched to spy on the operations of the Legion of Estonian Liberation? Is it the proper province of the CIA to combat his influence within this American emigre community? Certainly not."

"But this can be the unfortunate result if the agency assumes the power of utilizing private, domestic concerns for its own clandestine purposes," Halpern said.

Scores Article

The New York Republican also criticized the CIA in connection with another case in which a CIA employee contributed an article on "The Faceless Vict Cong" to the magazine "Foreign Affairs."

However, the author, George A. Carver Jr., was not identified as a CIA employee.

"Thus we have an unidentified operative of a secret intelligence society utilizing an influential forum to propagandize the American people. This seems to be a violation of what I would consider the legitimate reach of a democratic government," Halpern said.